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Thousands of people who wear clothes will hail with delight the news that D. W. MYERS will on February 1st, throw his doors o open for another **Great Stock Reducing Sale.** The public knows from his past sales that when his trumpet sounds it means an imm feast of bargains, (not hot air that they usually get). Now we are going to be brief and to the point. During February we will sacr $20,000.00 of the best merchandise ever shown in Lynchburg, as soon as this mark is reached will close the sale. A hint to the wise is s cient. If you miss coming to this sale, you will miss the greatest bargains ever shown in the city. Nice new, up-to-date stock. We will carry it over. Must have room for spring stock. Be good to yourselves and tell your friends and neighbors of our sale and when they c and supply themselves with clothes at such reduced prices, they will thank you. Remember everything marked in plain figures. Our store be closed on the 29th, 30th and 31st., to enable us to arrange and mark down prices. And down they shall go and you reap the benefit. hav'nt space to tell you half. The following prices will prevail through the entire stock and **we will do our best to wait on you promp**

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There are a great many other articles too numerous to mention that will interest you, that we shall place on sale at the same great reduction. Such as Men's Heavy Underwear from 19c up, Dress Suit Cases, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Traveling Sets, Night Shirts, Safety R Fancy Jewelry, Neat Ties, Etc. Etc. Etc.

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### GHOST SHOWED HIM GOLD

Bringing a bottle filled with almost pure gold, taken from a hole long hidden in mountain fastnesses, not far from here, W. E. Bartlett and M. C. Black, both well known business men, are back after a perilous trip to the Cascades.

Theirs, however, was labor richly rewarded, though the story is so interwoven with spiritualism and romance that it is well nigh incredible. Bartlett is the grandson of D. E. Ingels, a miner of the early '50s in these parts, who was murdered in the hills by his partner. The Bartlett family are spiritualists, and Bartlett dreamed his dead and murdered grandfather, through a Portland medium, sent word to him to find the lost mine and he would be independent for life.

Bartlett swears positively that he received specific directions from the spirit of his grandfather how to proceed to the lost mine. Moreover he was told to select M. C. Black to accompany him. The men will not tell of the location of their find, but say it cannot be reached save by making an extremely dangerous trip and one filled with hardship, especially at this time of the year, when the mountains are firmly in winter's icy grasp. In the spring they will return and develop their find.

In a rough and mountainous section, they say, they found a gray quartz ledge, literally filled with precious metal. Small pieces were broken off, pounded up in a frying pan which they had with them and the gold picked out by the rocks and placed in a bottle. Should the ledge prove as rich as the samples, a man could make a mortar and gold pan, and in a week's time take out enough of the gold to make him wealthy.

As an evidence of their find they have the little bottle of gold dust, which has already been viewed by dozens of people, and tests have been made by D. D. Johnson which prove that the mineral is genuine.—Wenatchie correspondence Seattle Times.

### WILD TIMES IN ODESSA

Here is a correspondent's record of the minor hooligan outrages or one day in the city of Odessa recently: "Shortly before sundown a drunken member of a small military picket staggered across his rifle and fired wildly at a passing drosky carrying two women and a young girl. The bullet missed its mark. An officer, attracted by the shots, rushed up and the drunken soldier ran as best he could, after dropping his rifle, but was brought down by a shot in the leg from the officer. On the opposite side of the street, some 300 paces away, about the same time, an intoxicated policeman reeled out of a vodka shop and commenced blazing about with his revolver, one shot wounding a young woman in the hand. He was shot dead by a member of the nearest picket.

"Earlier in the day two small merchants returning through a busy thoroughfare from a certain house were stopped by hooligans and robbed of everything. Thirty yards away stood a picket of two soldiers and a policeman. The indignant victims demanded to know why the picket did not come to their assistance. One of the soldiers replied it was none of their business; they were there to control the traffic only.

"Two other cases of robbery with violence occurred in the afternoon close to my residence. In the outer districts of the city there were seventeen similar assaults and robberies, and between nightfall and midnight about twenty. In three of the latter cases the military pickets were the culprits. A little girl of nine years, chased by the hooligans, was shot dead on her own doorstep."

### COOLIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Writes an observer in South Africa: "The Chinese are everywhere. You see them in the streets of the towns, on the platforms of the railway stations, or about the Rand. There are now nearly 50,000 of them scattered up and down a slice of country about forty miles in length. Some are working in mines which are practically up in Johannesburg itself. Yesterday morning I was walking down Commissioner street, when I came across thirty of them at work digging out the foundations of a new hotel. They were gathered serving terms of hard labor, and were leased out to the contractor at so much per head a day. And they were employed in the very center of Johannesburg. Out at Knight's I saw a barn camp where 1,400 more Chinese prisoners are at work under a detachment of the railway line from Germiston to Boksburg.

"These sweepings of the Chinese prisons who are now overrunning a British colony, are not content with mere robbery. They do that as a matter of course. What those in isolated farms and lonely stores dread is the cry of 'Tea, tea!—Kill, kill!'—from the yellow fiends who roam over the veld. People in the country dare scarcely go to bed at night. They gather at each other's houses for protection and company.

"What wonder is it that terror reigns on the veldt, or that the country people are now all armed, and shoot first, when they see a Chinaman in sight? The same wire added that these circumstances are hidden carefully from the outside world. The white men of South Africa—with the exception of the mine owners—he says, are rattled that the introduction of coolie labor was a mistake.

### GREAT ARMY OF EDUCATION

The army of education in the United States is made up of 450,000 teachers, of whom 120,000 are men and 330,000 women. The overwhelming majority of the teachers are natives of the United States, less than 30,000 having been born abroad—one in fifteen.

Most of the male teachers are between the years of 25 and 35. The majority of the women teachers are between 15 and 25.

There are 2,200 male teachers over 65. There are less than 1,500 female teachers over 65. Three times as many female as male teachers are put down as "age unknown."

There are 21,000 colored teachers in the United States, the divided between the two sexes 7,700 men and 13,300 women. There are 160 Indian teachers in the Indian schools of the United States—240 men and 260 women.

The average age of teachers in the United States is higher than in England and lower than in Germany. The proportion of very youthful teachers is much greater in the country than in the city districts.

The largest proportion of male teachers is to be found in West Virginia, where they number 50 cent of the total. The largest proportion of women is to be found in Vermont, where they form 90 per cent. of the whole number. The standard of education is very much higher in Vermont than it is in West Virginia.

The number of teachers in the United States has increased greatly in recent years. In 1871 there were 125,000, in 1880, 225,000; in 1890, 240,000 and it is at present 450,000.


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It was his custom to be at his shop quite early two or three times a week, to see that his employes were all in time. If any one arrived late, the same dialogue always took place.

One morning "Bob" White was the victim, and was accosted by the proprietor, who said: "Mr. White, you are thirteen minutes late this morning."

"Yy-yes-yes, sir; but, you see, I was married last night." To which Capt. Dick replied:

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## THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

### DOMESTIC

The National Insurance Convention, at Chicago, adopted resolutions condemning the deferred dividend plan and declared for a standard form of insurance policy to the exclusion of all other forms.

Testimony was produced in the packers' trial at Chicago that Armour, Swift and Morris controlled the National Packing Company, which operated six or more subsidiary packing concerns.

The Harper Insurance Committee decided on a project for a library building in memory of the late President Harper, of the University of Chicago.

David Lowenstein was arrested in Pittsburg on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

One hundred state officials are in attendance at the National Insurance Convention in Chicago, which proposes to frame a bill for the establishment of a uniform system of statutory regulation of legal reserve life insurance in the states.

Edw. F. Swift, of Swift & Co., displayed a lack of information and lapse of memory on the witness stand in Federal Attorney Morrison in the beef packers' case.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Montfort, a prominent Presbyterian preacher, editor and author, died in Newport at the age of 95.

The American Light and Traction Company has bought the Detroit City Gas Company for $5,000,000.

The First United States Infantry sailed from New York for the Philippines.

William Hedges, a wealthy manufacturer of Chicago, committed suicide.

Justice Gildersleeve has rendered a decision that Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, does not have to answer the questions of the Lexow Committee, which sat in New York until the Supreme Court of Missouri further renders a decision regarding stock control.

Charles T. Yerkes denies that she was married in New York, Monday. Wilson Mizner says he was married to Mrs. Yerkes by Rev. Andrew Mutch, who says he performed the ceremony.

Edward F. Swift testified in the beef packers' case at Chicago, that the books of Swift & Co. were destroyed by accidental inspection under a promise of immunity.

Twenty-two boys at Earlham College, Indiana, have been suspended for "ducking." Sidney Hinton, of Brookville, Md.

John J. Bowers, who served in the American Army and Navy and was wounded in the Philippines, has been denied entrance to the United States on account of his color, a negro.

Governor Pennypacker has signed the resolution of the special session of the Pennsylvania legislature which calls for an investigation of fees paid the insurance commissioner in the Keystone State.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of the State Senate of New Jersey asking the attorney general of the state to take steps to annul the charter of the Standard Oil Company.

Grover Cleveland met all the members of the General Assembly of New York, which has come in to vote for his friend Senator Grady, a former opponent.

John Williams, colored, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Policeman Lang, in New Jersey 10 years ago has been captured.

Rev. Henry S. Fegley, of New Tripoli, Pa., a prominent Lutheran divine and a trustee of Muhlenberg College, died suddenly.

### FOREIGN

The Czar, in a mandate to the peasantry, promises to relieve them in all if they seize private lands and repeats old promises to institute measures for their relief.

Herr Mendelsohon, head of the banking house of Mendelsohon & Co. in Berlin, has received many threatening letters from the Russian Revolutionists.

The abolition of capital punishment by the civil tribunals of Russia, one of the main demands of the reform party, it seems assured.

Queen Isabella and her suite left London for Copenhagen to attend the funeral of her father, King Christian.

The Czar has taken every step to safeguard her prepo...erating political influence in Morocco.

Reuter Portis, of Italy, and the members of his gunitry have resigned.

The German steamer Gruana, which arrived at Leith, reported that she was fired upon by the crew of an unknown vessel in the Category, in the North Sea.

English holders of policies in the New York Mutual Life Company adopted resolutions demanding representation on the board of the company.

In the Moroccan conference the American delegation issued a protest against any indirect infringement of the Sultan's sovereignty.

Thousands of people are reported to be dying in Northern Japan because of the famine.

In a battle between rebellious troops and Cossacks at Irkutsk 1,500 were killed. Sixteen guns, 15 of them Jews, were shot as anarchists at Warsaw.

It has been learned that the assassin of General Grianroff in Tiflis, Caucasia, was a Russian student of social revolutionists.

The officers of the American cruiser squadron were present at a great review of the garrisons of Nice, Ventimeg, Villefranche, Athens and Grasse.

The Hamburg-American Line steamship Silvia, which left Vladivostok with Russian troops, struck a mine and was blown up, with great loss of life.

An agreement providing for the establishing of a parcel post at cheap rates between Sweden and the United States has been concluded.

Violent scenes attended the taking of inventories of church property in Paris by the commissioners, in pursuance of a new law.

The body of King Christian of Denmark was placed in a plain casket. It is said his estate will not exceed $250,000.

There was a severe earthquake in Bengal, Bengal, which caused a panic among the people.

King Edward will open Parliament in person, but the Queen will not be present and the state pageantry will be curtailed as the result of the death of King Christian.

Frederick VIII. was proclaimed king of Denmark in the presence of the people in the public square in front of the palace in Copenhagen.

The Duke of Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, has completed arrangements for a voyage of exploration into the heart of Africa.

France and Germany continue to maintain their respective positions on the main questions at stake in the Moroccan conference.

The Russian government has increased the rate of interest of the state savings banks to 4 per cent, in an effort to check the withdrawals caused by the revolution.

## FACTORY GIRLS IN FIRE PANIC

### Two Hundred Driven Out Into Zero Weather.

### TROLLEY POLES MELTED BY THE HEAT

**Knit Goods Factory in Cleveland Is Destroyed by a Quick Fire—Panic-stricken Employes, Mostly Girls, Faint Upon Reaching a Place of Safety—The Flames Spread to Adjoining Houses.**

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Fire starting from an undetermined cause on the sixth floor of the knit goods factory of N. J. Rich & Co., Payne Avenue and Seventeenth Street, destroyed that building, with an estimated loss of $75,000. It sent at least 200 girl employes in a semi-panic from the several lower floors, and before the fire was gotten under control it had communicated to and destroyed 2r dwellings adjoining the Rich factory, on Payne Avenue, and both sides of Seventeenth Street.

The fire was attended with many spectacular features. The Rich Building was completely gutted, nothing remaining of it but small fragments of the walls. The employes numbered 400, girls, men and boys, the majority, however, being girls. Many of the latter had already left for their homes. The fire spread so quickly that scores of the girls who were caught had to leave the factory without their street garments to face almost zero weather on the outside. Some of the girls were so panic-stricken that when they reached the outer doors of the factory they fainted. So far as learned no one was hurt.

The burned buildings were immediately to the west and south of the Rich buildings, and a row of five apartments and two single dwellings across the street on the east side of Seventeenth Street were consumed. The losses on the buildings is divided between the various owners and the George Dodge estate, the latter bearing the larger portion. The total loss is estimated at close to $125,000, with insurance slightly over half that.

Windows in the Cary apartment-house, on Payne Avenue, a block west of the Rich Building, were cracked by the heat, and tenants of that building were ready to leave their apartments if necessary. All the telephone, telegraph and trolley wires in the vicinity of the fire were melted and the poles burned.

### FIERCE FIGHT IN CHURCH.

**Religious Riots Are on the Increase in Paris.**

Paris (By Cable).—As a net result of one day's rioting, though the inventory was taken in but one church, that of St. Pierre du Gros Caillou, over 50 persons were seriously injured and a further considerable number slightly hurt. The latter included a number of police and gendarmes, who were almost blinded with cayenne pepper.

Fifty arrests were made. The storming of the building was greatly protracted owing to the use by the "defenders" of red pepper. After repeated efforts the police and firemen only succeeded in entering the church by employing chairs as shields. The first two who got through the doors were knocked unconscious. These were dragged through they were thoroughly exasperated, refrained from violent retaliation.

M. Louis Lepine, prefect of Paris, and a number of municipal councilors, clad in all shades of opinion deprecate the violent incidents.

### DYNAMITE LADEN VESSEL ON FIRE.

**U. S. Lighter Hudson Places New York in Peril.**

New York (Special).—Shortly before 2 o'clock A. M., the United States lighter Hudson, having on board about 500 tons of dynamite, was discovered to be on fire. Soon after the fire started two explosions occurred on board. The first was light, however, and apparently did not affect the main cargo.

An alarm was turned in and several fire engines and two firehoats responded.

The fire was reported directly in the rear of the Manhattan Casino, which was crowded with people at the time, persons attending a ball. When the explosion occurred there was a panic in the hall.

The police reserves were called and a thorough investigation was made of the Casino, after which they drove the crowds back from the water front and out of danger from explosion.

### To Abolish State Dispensary.

Columbia, S. C. (Special)—The House of Representatives has passed the Mordecai Dispensary Bill by a vote of 69 to 47. This is considered to be the most significant legislation in this state for many years, and it is believed the Senate also will pass the measure. The bill abolishes the state dispensary and provides for state prohibition with local option and for the establishment of county dispensaries under county management

### Murderer of Two Children.

West Chester, Pa. (Special).—Ricardo Forte, an Italian, was convicted of murder in the first degree here for the killing of Marie and Dominic Delacca, aged 4 and 6 years, Howellville, last March. The children were murdered in an old quarry. Forte's confession, which he brought about by the confession of a fellow-prisoner.

### Fatal Mine Explosion.

Bluefield, W. Va. (Special).—A report has just reached here of an explosion in what is called the Ball Knob Mine No. 3, a one of the properties of the Red Jacket Coal and Coke Company, near Delorms, Mingo County. The body of one man, who was killed, and three other miners, who were seriously injured, had been taken out of the shaft. A force of men was at work in the mine at the time of the explosion, and it is feared that other victims will be found when the work of rescue is begun.

### Shot While Running Away.

Philadelphia (Special).—A man who gave his name as Patrick Shay, of Pearl St., died in a hospital here from the effects of a bullet wound received while endeavoring to escape from a policeman Say was detected robbing a grocery and ran. He was pursued by Policeman Keller, who fired two shots. The second bullet struck Say in the back and lodged in his kidneys. Although told that he was mortally wounded, Say refused to divulge his name until a short time before he died.

## LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

**Treasury in Better Shape.**

The monthly statement of the Government receipts and expenditures just issued shows a condition of the Treasury which is eminently satisfactory to the officials.

A year ago there was a deficit of more than $68,500,000, which has now been reduced to less than $3,400,000, with the prospect that this amount will be entirely wiped out within the next 30 days. It is pointed out that there is an available cash balance on hand, including deposits in national banks, of nearly $144,000,000, with the daily receipts more than equaling the expenditures.

During January the customs receipts alone amounted to $26,889,912, which is an excess over January, 1905, of more than $4,500,000 and since July 1 last the customs receipts have exceeded those for the corresponding period last year by more than $22,500,000. During the same period internal revenue receipts have increased by more than $9,000,000.

The expenditures last month were about $2,270,000 less than for January, 1905, principally on account of reduced interest payment.

### U. S. Demands Moderated.

"We made a demand upon Venezuela, based upon the presentation of the asphalt company. The claims of the litigants are usually exaggerated. Venezuela said these claims were not just and refused to allow them. Then we sent a man down to investigate impassionately."

This in effect was the statement made by a high authority today upon the attitude of the United States toward Venezuela.

Added to it was the statement that the first demand upon that country by this government in behalf of Bowen was only a new and very much modified demand would be made based upon Judge Calhoun's report.

### Favors the Whipping Post.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia has decided that in the matter of wife beating in the District the punishment should be made to fit the crime and that wife beaters, on being convicted, should be subjected to punishment as the whipping post.

Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill for this purpose and has for some years been a strong advocate of the proposition. President Roosevelt, in a message to the last Congress, recommended such a law for the District.

### GEN. BELL CHIEF OF STAFF.

Announcement was made at the War Department of the selection by the Presidents of Brig.-Gen. J. Franklin Bell, one of the youngest brigadier-generals in the army, to be Chief of Staff, to succeed Lieut.-Gen. John C. Bates when that officer goes upon the retired list on April 11 next.

The selection of General Bell for this important duty came as a complete surprise to the army, where it had been generally supposed that Major-General Arthur MacArthur, the senior major-general in the army, and the officer who will succeed General Corbin next September with the rank of lieutenant-general, would be selected.

### To Probe Valencia Wreck.

Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, ordered a thorough and searching investigation of the Valencia wreck off Vancouver and the conduct of the officers and crew of that steamship, as well as that of the officers of the steamers Topeka and Queen, which went to the assistance of the disabled vessel.

### Combs Report Soon.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is exercising all possible dispatch in reporting to the President on the resolution passed by the House calling for information regarding the existence of an alleged combine between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio and other roads.

The Isthmian Canal Commission practically completed its work of putting in final shape its report to Secretary Taft, and submitting the report of the majority and minority of the board of consulting engineers.

Director North, of the Census Bureau, sent to the House the cotton ginning statement for 1905 by request. The report is published canvassed an advance in the market.

Postmaster General Cortelyou announced the appointment of Richard L. Ashhurst as postmaster at Philadelphia, to succeed Clayton McMichael.

The House Committee agreed on a bill making an appropriation of $70,000,000 for the Army.

Captain Montgomery, who has been in charge of the telegraph service at the White House for many years, was retired for physical disability.

The British Ambassador presented to Secretary Root Lieutenant Colonel Count Gleichen, the new military attache of the British Embassy.

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San Francisco (Special).—Three men were killed and 58 injured, mostly by suffocation, in a fire that damaged the United States transport Meade to the extent of $2,000 as she lay at the Folsom Street pier.

For three hours after midnight the forward hold of the big troopship was a suffocating furnace, from which firemen were borne in an almost continuous stream. Relays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the afterpart of the vessel, and the firemen worked with the possibility ever before them that the flames would reach this compartment.

Owing to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea, as she was to have departed for Manila Thursday. Major C. A. Devol, chief of the transport service, is investigating this theory with great care.

A thousand pieces of luggage were ruined. Trunks, boxes and barrels were watersoaked or burned. Wearing apparel and household furnishings were ruined. One officer places the damage to personal effects at $9,000.

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Columbia, S. C. (Special)—The House of Representatives has passed the Mordecai Dispensary Bill by a vote of 69 to 47. This is considered to be the most significant legislation in this state for many years, and it is believed the Senate also will pass the measure. The bill abolishes the state dispensary and provides for state prohibition with local option and for the establishment of county dispensaries under county management

### Murderer of Two Children.

West Chester, Pa. (Special).—Ricardo Forte, an Italian, was convicted of murder in the first degree here for the killing of Marie and Dominic Delacca, aged 4 and 6 years, Howellville, last March. The children were murdered in an old quarry. Forte's confession, which he brought about by the confession of a fellow-prisoner.

### Fatal Mine Explosion.

Bluefield, W. Va. (Special).—A report has just reached here of an explosion in what is called the Ball Knob Mine No. 3, a one of the properties of the Red Jacket Coal and Coke Company, near Delorms, Mingo County. The body of one man, who was killed, and three other miners, who were seriously injured, had been taken out of the shaft. A force of men was at work in the mine at the time of the explosion, and it is feared that other victims will be found when the work of rescue is begun.

### Shot While Running Away.

Philadelphia (Special).—A man who gave his name as Patrick Say, of Pearl St., died in a hospital here from the effects of a bullet wound received while endeavoring to escape from a policeman Say was detected robbing a grocery and ran. He was pursued by Policeman Keller, who fired two shots. The second bullet struck Say in the back and lodged in his kidneys. Although told that he was mortally wounded, Say refused to divulge his name until a short time before he died.

### To Probe Valencia Wreck.

Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, ordered a thorough and searching investigation of the Valencia wreck off Vancouver and the conduct of the officers and crew of that steamship, as well as that of the officers of the steamers Topeka and Queen, which went to the assistance of the disabled vessel.

### Combs Report Soon.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is exercising all possible dispatch in reporting to the President on the resolution passed by the House calling for information regarding the existence of an alleged combine between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio and other roads.

The Isthmian Canal Commission practically completed its work of putting in final shape its report to Secretary Taft, and submitting the report of the majority and minority of the board of consulting engineers.

Director North, of the Census Bureau, sent to the House the cotton ginning statement for 1905 by request. The report is published canvassed an advance in the market.

Postmaster General Cortelyou announced the appointment of Richard L. Ashhurst as postmaster at Philadelphia, to succeed Clayton McMichael.

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## NEW YORK AS SEEN DAY BY DAY.

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A. Gladstone Dowie, known as the unkissed son of Zion City's prophet, was almost kissed Friday. Dowie arrived from Jamaica in the steamer La Plata, having left his father in Port Antonio.

Miss Elizabeth Saxton, a young woman passenger, who was said to be an actress, was dared to kiss Gladstone.

The young woman wagered a pair of bloves with a girl friend on board that she would kiss the son of the famous Dowie before parting with him. She walked up to him, extended her hand and shockingly began to tell him how glad she was to have known him.

Seemingly with a presentiment of danger, the son of "Elijah" made a hasty step backward and blushed.

Miss Saxton saw that blush, paused momentarily to admire it, and decided that she didn't want those gloves so very much after all. So she contented herself with merely shaking the young man's hand and wishing him luck.

Gladstone was saved. Dowie later declined published reports that his father would give up the Zion leadership, saying his father had nearly recovered from the attack of paralysis and would return in April to resume his position at the head of Zion City. Overwork, more than anything else, was the cause of his illness, and the few weeks he has spent at Port Antonio have done wonders for him.

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Again representatives of the Celestial Empire have created a flutter of excitement in the metropolis—this time not of apprehension. "In our midst" are Tai Hing Chi, his viceroy, Tuan Fang in a suite of 50 lesser Chinese lights and 400 servants. Tai and his followers are here to study American institutions, and one of the most interesting of these with which they have yet come in contact is the Chinese colony of the city. Tai is the patron of the Board of Revenue for the Chinese Empire, while Tuan Fang is Viceroy of Fo-Kien and Chek-Kiang Provinces, which makes him lord over 40,000,000 souls. At the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where they are the guests, members of the city gathered to make the acquaintance of the visitors. Before the evening was over these men agreed that the Empress Tsi An had chosen her representatives well. The directors in the buildings were a never ending source of wonder to the visitors, and the elevator